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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 5, 2003. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-11 and 14) with traverse for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome to search the subject matter of the claims of Group I and Group II as a search of the antibodies is likely to yield art concerning methods of using the antibodies. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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